

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 is pending, with Claims 1 and 3-11 canceled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claim 11 was objected to; Claims 1 and 3-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0009066, hereinafter Shimizu) in view of Watanabe et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0203894, hereinafter Watanabe); and Claim 2 was allowed.

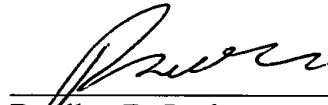
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 3-11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter of Claims 1 and 3-11.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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